

BLMLcR 3.4
VIDEO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

(1) Authorization. Preliminary appearances held pursuant to CrRLJ 3.2.1(d), arraignments held pursuant to CrRLJ 3.4 and 4.1, bail hearings held pursuant to CrRLJ 3.2, and trial settings held pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3(f), may be conducted by video conference in which all participants can simultaneously see, hear and speak with each other. Such proceedings shall be deemed held in open court and in the defendant's presence for the purpose of any statute, court rule or policy. All video conference hearings conducted pursuant to this rule shall be public, and the public shall be able to simultaneously see and hear all participants and speak as permitted by the Bonney Lake Municipal Court judge, judge pro-tem or court commissioner. Any party may request an in-person hearing which may be granted at the discretion of the Municipal Court judge, judge pro-tem or court commissioner.

(2) Agreement. Other trial court proceedings, including the entry of a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty as provided for by CrRLJ 4.2, may be conducted by video conference only by agreement of the parties, either in writing or on the record, and upon the approval of the Bonney Lake Municipal Court judge, judge-pro tem or court commissioner.

(3) Standards for Video Conference Proceedings. The standards for video conference proceedings shall be as specified in CrRLJ 3.4(d) (3).

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